Water District Election Tuesday

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Water in the Creek, Wells are Rising.

Flood Waters Bring First Relief to Water Supply in a Year.

For the first time this year there has been water flowing in Alameda creek and through Washington Township. As a result there has been a rise in the water level in the wells of the township. The wells adjoining the creek responded immediately. One well on the Shinn property rose ten feet within four days after the flood water passed the Niles bridge.

The entire flood water is coming out of the Calaveras watershed. If the Calaveras dam had been built this water would not be flowing past the Niles bridge or seeping into the gravel beds. What then? The wells of the township would still be falling instead of rising.

The lesson is a very simple one that every voter in the township should learn.

The main purpose of the Alameda Water District is to prevent the Valley Water Co. from damming up this very flood water. If it is caught in the Calaveras dam and piped to San Francisco it cannot flow down to fill up the gravel beds of Washington Township.

If our people wish to preserve this annual replenishment of our water supply they must organize the Alameda County Water District.

Let us not forget that the proposed Calaveras dam will be built big enough to hold back more than any one year's rainfall on the principal part of our watershed, the part that furnishes the floods. If we permit the Spring Valley Co. or the city of San Francisco the privilege of acquiring these flood waters they will be lost to us forever.

The first great important step is to put a stamp after the word "Yes" next Tuesday. After that is done we will have the means to defend ourselves if it becomes necessary. Otherwise the fight on our part will fall to the ground.

Now Up to People

The question of forming a water district for Washington Township is now up to the people themselves. Next Tuesday will be the most important day in the history of the township. If the people of the township organize by their votes the Alameda County Water District, as we believe they will, then the final step will have been taken to secure the future prosperity of our section. The formation of the district is but a means to an end. The end sought is the preservation and protection of our water supply. With plenty of water this township will easily support a population twice as great as at present, and the wealth of the township will increase proportionately. It will become the most productive food producing section in proportion to its area in the whole State of California. By virtue of its climatic condition it is already one of the most genial abodes in the world. Its geographical position gives it a great advantage, and the geological formation of the little plain is such as is rarely found anywhere on the globe. All things have combined to make it a matchless agricultural section. It would be an economic crime to permit its ruin. And yet that is just what stares us in the face if the plans of the Spring Valley Water Co. and the Peoples Water Co. are permitted to be carried out without hindrance. It is too valuable an inheritance to permit its spoliation without a contest.

The Alameda County Water District is our means of combining the strength of $6,000,000 in property and 8000 in population in a defensive union. After our water supply is once saved we can plan to utilize it to the best advantage for ourselves and for future generations.

Nothing is so precious to human life as water, and it is worth our while to put forth any and every necessary effort to secure it and the part of wisdom to preserve it when nature has so kindly blessed us with it.

We ought then to be willing to do our share next Tuesday to insure the future happiness and prosperity of the people who live now and those who shall hereafter live on this little bay plain.

Every person who has the best interests of the township at heart should set aside next Tuesday as a day upon which the most important service can be rendered that will ever come our way as a people to render. Every vote should be polled. All who care for the prosperity of this section should not only vote, but should see to it that their neighbors understand the question and vote also.

Let us profit by the sad experience of the past. Let us realize the danger and with all the strength we possess let us serve notice to those who are seeking to rob us that we are alive to our danger.

The time for argument and appeal is now closed. The day of action is at hand. Next Tuesday is the day to strike. The ballot is our peaceful weapon which is just as strong in feminine hands as in others.

Organized and intelligent action will save our water supply to us and to our children. *Let us rise to our opportunity as a people.*

SPRECKELS CO. TO HANDLE BEETS

Will Pay $5.50 Per Ton at Shipping Point.

Although the Alameda Sugar Company does not at present expect to operate its factory at Alvarado next year, arrangements are being made to care for the acreage that is to be given over to sugar beets. The Spreckles Sugar Co. of Spreckles, Monterey county, expects to have a man in this field after January 1 to look after the acreage to be planted in sugar beets. The Spreckles Co. is one of the strongest in the State and operates a large factory at Spreckles. In order to encourage the maintenance of sugar beet culture until the present uncertain condition brought about by tariff changes passes away or is remedied the Alameda Sugar Co. has turned over its acreage to the Spreckles Co. The latter company is anxious to secure as large an acreage in this section as possible and will pay $5.50 a ton f. o. b. at the nearest local shipping point. The value of sugar beets for the purpose of rotation of crops it is believed will appeal to many of our growers, and it is hoped that eventually the Alvarado factory may again resume operation. If this is to be done the raising of sugar beets in this section will have to be encouraged, and in order to care for those who are willing to engage in raising beets the Spreckles Co. has agreed to care for the local acreage this year.

Mr. Weille of the Alameda Sugar Co. will act as the local regular agent in the field.

INDIANS MAROONED ON ISLAND IN THE CREEK.

When the flood in the creek came down last Monday afternoon it caught two Indians, a man and a woman, on a small island in the creek which the waters suddenly surrounded.

Constable Frank Rose was informed and hastily pressed into service a number of men, together with a part of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.'s equipment for the rescue. This act, which at first took on the part of the heroic, degenerated before it was over into a rather comical affair. The young man was rather hilarious with pre-Christmas indulgence in firewater and his condition inspired the rescurers to a spirit of fun. The squaw, who was rather stout, was rescued first. A rope was thrown to the man, who with some difficulty fastened the rope about his companion's waist. Then the rescuers dragged her through the current and hauled her on shore. Her appearance on landing would scarcely have served to act as an artist's model. Then the man finally succeeded in fastening the rope about himself. The brave rescuers proceeded to have a little sport with him. He was dragged into the deep water and then the rope was slackened and the man went down. Then it was pulled a little ways further and slackened until the rescurers feared the effects of their sport and finally he was dragged on shore.

Wins Player Piano

M. H. Lewis of Centerville was the lucky winner of the player piano given away by O. N. Hirsch & Co. The lncky number was 17,279.

Water District Should Be Formed in Washington Township

1. It will be the only way in which all the people of the district can be protected.
2. If our water rights are not saved NOW they will be lost to the township **for all time.**
3. The law under which our district is to be formed **gives the people of the district ABSOLUTE CONTROL** over their officers. They can force them to pass any ordinance the people want. They can prevent any bad move. They can fire their officials if they do not act to suit the people.
4. The Alameda County Water District if formed will be the weapon by which our lost rights will be won **back** and our present rights **saved.**
5. It will unite all the people of the district, rich and poor, in a movement to save our water supply. It will protect the smallest property owner just the same as the largest. Under this law the poorest man or woman in the township will have just as much to say as the richest.
6. The law is as fair and just and safe as the people could make it.

STATE HIGHWAY BONDS BOUGHT

Board of Supervisors to Invest in Bonds.

A decision was rendered yesterday by Judge Harris in which the right of the Board of Supervisors to purchase State Highway Bonds was conceded. This means that the State highway work will soon begin.

Decoto Store Destroyed by Fire

The grocery store of John Goularte was destroyed by fire Friday morning. The building was owned by Thos. Ibberson. The origin of the fire has not been determined,

A Card.

I wish to take this means to thank those who have been so kind as to give me their insurance business for the year 1913.

May I hope to be favored with a continuance of their patronage; and I will give my best service to all such business intrusted to me.

May 1814 prove to be a successful new year for us all.—C. E. Martenstein.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows and all those that sympathized with me in my great sorrow.

Mrs. Alice Locklin.

CALAVERAS DAM A MENACE TO THE TOWNSHIP

Should Not Be Permitted to Endanger Lives of Our People.

The building of the Calaveras dam demands the most serious attention from our people. It is not alone the fact that the dam is planned to hold back the flood waters which feed our gravel beds. The security of the dam itself is of most vital concern to the safety of the lives of our people. We do not want it to be built at all. Should our efforts in the future prove powerless to prevent the storage of the flood waters, then the manner of building the dam is one that demands our most watchful care. The situation is one that is full of the gravest danger and only the strongest type of dam known to engineering skill should be allowed to be built, if any is built at all.

Niles canyon is a narrow gorge. At its mouth are the homes of thousands of people. The dam that is now being erected will if it is allowed to be finished be over 200 feet high. Such a wall of water at the head of the narrow gorge above us would have tremendous possibilities for doing damage should it ever break through its barrier and rush down upon this plain. It is not a comforting thought, but the best time to think about it is before the dam is built and not afterward. We do not want the dam built at all, but should our wishes be overridden we should see to it that every precaution is taken to insure the safety of the people whose lives it might endanger.

With a well organized district the wishes of our people can be much more forcibly presented. At present we are simply taking the Spring Valley Co.'s word for what it is doing or intends to do. There has been no inspection of the work already done; no question of the type of construction proposed.

We are apparently helpless. With an organization empowered to speak for the 6000 or more people whose lives and property are so menaced we will be listened to with some consideration. The time to effect that organization is next Tuesday. The way to effect it is to vote "Yes" on the organization of the Alameda County Water District.

Shall the Proposition to Organize Alameda County Water District under Chapter 592 of the Acts of the Fortieth Session of the California Legislature be adopted?	YES	X
	NO	

Newark Presbyterian Chucrh

Public worship at 11 and 7 o'clock. Sabbath School 9.50. Christian Endeavor 6.30. Subject of morning sermon—"An Optomistic View of the work and influence of the Church.

James Curry, D. D., Pastor.

Measure Your Wells

In order to help the Water Committee all the people who can are requested to measure their wells daily for the next week. Please do not neglect to do this. Keep a record and let the Committee's representative Mr. Stoner know about it. His address is Belvoir Hotel, Niles.

It is of the utmost importance that this be done by all who can do it.

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OUR CAMPAIGN IS CLOSED

With this issue the fight of the PRESS closes on the water supply question. On next Tuesday and afterward it will be in the hands of the people. It has been a long struggle. But if public opinion is at last truly aroused, as we have every reason to hope it is, we shall feel fully repaid for our efforts. In passing the responsibility up to the voters of the district we feel that we have worked for a cause that ought to appeal to their highest sense of duty. We have an abiding faith in their loyalty to their own township, and feel confident that the issue will be wisely and courageously met and triumph handsomely at the polls next Tuesday. And when the battle is won it will not be our fight alone that wins, but the fight of every man, woman and child in Washington Township. The glory will belong to no man, but the satisfaction will be for all who have so earnestly and honestly contributed to the success of a common cause.

CATTERLIN—DUFFEY.

The Runckel home in Berkeley was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Tuesday afternoon, December 23, when Miss Gladys Ruth Catterlin and Mr. Lester J. Duffey of Niles plighted their troth.

With Miss Florence Sharpe of Niles as bridesmaid and Mr. George Duffey of Niles as best man, the young people took their places at 3:20 beneath a dainty bower of smilax and roses, and with the sweet and impressive [illegible] service, [illegible] Rev R. C. Brooks of the First Congregational Church spoke the words which joined the lives of the two young people.

As the final words were spoken and congratulations were being offered, a shower of rice was given the newly wedded pair.

The guests were then invited to the dining room where refreshments were served.

The bride was dressed in a pretty gown of wisteria crepe de chine and wore a bouquet of pink roses and maidenhair fern. Miss Florence Sharpe as bridesmaid wore a net gown daintily covered with tracings of orchid draped over silk. She wore lilies of the valley and maidenhair fern.

The bride tossed her bouquet from the stairway and Miss Martha Runckel caught it.

Those present were the contracting parties, Mrs. Duffey, mother of the groom, Mrs. Martha Cadwallader, Miss Florence Sharpe, Miss Marie Sharpe, Martha Runckel, Louise Runckel, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Runckel, Dr. A. R. Sortheimer of Oakland, George Duffey, Melvin Duffey, and Chris Runckel, Jr.

The bride is the daughter of Wm. Catterlin and the late Matilda Catterlin of Niles, a native of Washington township, and is one of Niles' fairest and sweetest girls. To know her is to love her, her kindness and gentleness of disposition winning for her sincere friends among the older as well as the younger folks and making her the dear friend of the children.

The groom is a splendid young man, whose sterling qualities have brought him many close friends and admirers. He holds a position with the California Brick Co. of Decoto. The young folks will make their home at Niles.

Every property owner in the proposed water district should set aside next Tuesday as a day on which to perform the highest civic duty he will ever be called upon to perform as a citizen. It will not be enough to vote. Vote early and spend the rest of the day in getting others to the polls. See that every vote is cast and cast right. Crank up your automobiles, hitch up your horses and walk if you needs must walk—but **get out the vote.** Let us make the vote a big one and an effective one.

Then we can all face the future with greater confidence and higher hope.

WHY NOT TRY PAVING BRICKS IN NILES?

The movement to have an experimental strip of road built by the State Highway is a very sensible movement. It is the only way to try out the various types of road building. One of the most durable for heavy traffic and one also that withstands the destructive tendency of the automobile tire is paving brick. In the [illegible] western states paving brick is growing more and more into use. It has been thoroughly tried out and when properly constructed proves the least expensive to maintain.

The cost of up-keep is bound to be the test of our State Highway system. If the criticisms that are being made are well founded then surely there is need of further investigation and testing before the entire $18,000,000 bond issue is spent.

It is suggested that an experimental strip be put in on the Oakland-San Jose branch of the State Highway We believe it would be a good thing, and as this section of the State has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in developing the paving brick industry why not have a strip of paving block construction right near the place of manufacture. The Press suggests that inasmuch as Front Street in Niles is to be a part of the State Highway that here would be a splendid chance to give the paving block idea of road construction a good test. There is every kind of traffic and plenty of it. Front street is an ideal location for the test. Suppose our Niles Chamber of Commerce awakens from its trance and starts the new year with boosting this project.

BOOSTING THE OAKLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Henry Lachman, the all-year-round booster for Washington Township, is busy getting members in the township for the Oakland Commercial Club. Mr. Lachman is doing good work in the cause and we know of no better way for our township people to advance the cause of all worthy schemes for developing the township than by joining the Oakland Commercial Club.

The surest and most effective way to insure the mutual co-operation of both city and county interests is the coming together for counsel of those who represent both sections.

The next meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Washington Township will be held at Mission San Jose on Jan. 7.

The Newark Chamber has expressed its intention to send delegates to the next meeting and it is hoped that Niles will also have its delegates present.

Decoto

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Trask spent the Christmas holiday with friends in Berkeley.

It was certainly a very happy time for the children at the Chritsmas tree at the Decoto school last Friday. The tree which came from the Sierra Nevadas was very prettily decorated and after the end of the program the jolliest and finest Santa Claus that ever came to Decoto to gladden the hearts of the little ones appeared on the scene. He brought the Christmas spirit with him and the children responded as only children can. After Santa Claus had gone each child was given a box of candy and a bag of nuts and not a child in the audience was missed.

The uusal happy Christmas time was held at the Masonic Home this week and every member of the large family was bountifully remembered. A very pleasant program is planned for New Year's eve. An elaborate program in which the young people of the Home will present "The District School," promises to afford splendid entertainment. A prolific crop of talented juveniles will be placed on exhibition and every variety of precocity will delight the audience. Songs, chorouses, essays, speeches, readings and dialogues and in fact everything that marks a high order of literary and musical talent will be presented by the youngsters under the direction of Superintendent Hartman who is somewhat of a boy himself on such occasions.

Jeremiah Collins, who for a number of years has been an employee on the Pickering place, was found dead in the canyon near the Quarteroli place last Tuesday evening. The horse which he was driving had fallen off a bridge and Collins' body was found lying under the buggy. An autopsy performed by Dr. A. F. St. Sure revealed the fact that the deceased had died of heart failure, and it is supposed that the horse had fallen off the bridge after the man's death. Deceased was a native of Ireland and leaves two sisters in that country. He was sixty yea[illegible] of age. The funeral was held F[illegible] interment at Mission San Jose.

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NOTICE

Ellis Bros., General Merchandise Store at Niles have sold and moved stock to Ellis, Pickard Co., Pleasanton, Cal. All bills are due and payable to P. A. Ellis. Any firm or person having bills against Ellis Bros., Niles are requested to present them at once.—

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For Sale—Thoroughbred Rhode Island Reds, cockerels and pullets. —Apply to Grau & Werner, Irvington.

Stockholders Meeting

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Niles State Bank of Niles, California, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3, 1914, at 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and trans acting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Charles Evans,
Secretary 12-20 27

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Alameda County of Alvarado, California, will be held at the office of the corporation on Monday, January 10, 1914 at two o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

J. R. BLACOW,
Secretary

NOTICE OF TIME SET FOR PROVING WILL, ETC.

In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.

Inthe matter of the estate of Domingos Duarte Governo also known a Domingos Governo, deceased.

Notice of time set for proving will, etc.

Notice is hereby given, that a petition for the probate of the will of Domingos Duarte Governo (alias), deceased, and for the issuance to Father F. Battesti of letters testamentary thereon has been filed in this Court, and that Tuesday the 23d day of December, A. D. 1913, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Courtroom of Department No. 4, of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Oakland, in said County of Alameda, has been set for the hearing of said petition and proving said will, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated December 2d, 1913.

JOHN P. COOK, Clerk,
By W. E. ADAMS, Deputy Clerk.

Filed Dec. 2, 1913.

JOHN P. COOK, Clerk.
By W. E. ADAMS, Deputy Clerk.

JNO. G. MATTOS, JR., Attorney for Petitioner, Centerville, Cal.

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said boundary line with the Easterly boundary line of the right of way of the Central Pacific Railway running from Irvington to San Jose; thence Northeasterly in a straight line to a point in the center of County Road No. 2548 as the survey of said road is recorded in the office of the Surveyor of Alameda County, California, and dated December 2, 1889, said point being at an angle in said road at the Southeasterly end of course noted as South 24½° East 108.80 chains in the notes of said survey, and distant 6950 feet more or less measured along said County Road No. 2548 in a Westerly direction from the Westerly line of the County Road running from Mission San Jose to Warm Springs; thence Northerly along the center line of said County Road No. 2548 as described in the above mentioned survey to the Easterly boundary line of the right of way of the Central Pacific Railway at Irvington; thence Northerly along said Easterly boundary line of the right of way of the Central Pacific Railway and its direct production Northerly to the center line of County Road No. 398; thence Easterly along the center line of County Road No. 398 to the point of intersection thereof with a direct production Southerly of the center line of County Road No. 1008; thence Northeasterly and Northerly along said last production and along said center line of said County Road No. 1008 and along a direct production Northeasterly thereof to the center line of the County Road running from Niles to Mission San Jose; thence Northwesterly in a straight line to the most Southerly corner of Survey No. 58 of the lands of the Ex-Mission San Jose; thence Westerly in a straight line to the point of intersection of the Northerly line of the right of way of the Central Pacific Railway with the center line of the County Road leading from Niles to Hayward, said County Road leading from Niles to Hayward being the County Road which runs along the Northerly boundary of the Ford Tract as shown upon that certain map entitled "Ford Tract Niles Alameda County California" etc. and filed in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, April 21, 1900, in Map Book No. 16 at Page 1; and thence Westerly and Northwesterly along the center line of said County Road from Niles to Hayward to the point of beginning.

The name designated for the proposed District is ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT. The voters at such election are required to cast ballots which shall contain the words: "Shall the proposition to organize Alameda County Water District under Chapter 592 of the acts of the fortieth session of the California Legislature be adopted?" And such ballot shall be so arranged as to permit electors to express their choice thereon, and shall contain the words above quoted with the word "Yes" thereafter, with sufficient space after said proposition and the word "Yes" to enable an elector to stamp a cross therein, and shall also contain the words above quoted with the word "No" thereafter, and sufficient space after said proposition and the word "No" to enable an elector to stamp a cross therein.

No person shall be entitled to vote at such election unless he shall possess all of the qualifications required of electors under the general election laws of the State of California and is a resident of the special precinct in which he desires to vote as such precinct is hereinafter defined and designated, and such election will be conducted as nearly as practicable in accordance with the said general election laws. If a majority of all of the votes cast at said election are in favor of the adoption of said proposition to organize said territory, then said district shall be organized under the name hereinbefore designated, but if a majority of all of the votes cast thereat shall be against the adoption of such proposition, then said district will not be organized.

Notice is further given that for the purposes of said election, the Board of Supervisors has described, established and fixed special election precincts within the boundaries of said proposed district, said election precincts constituting and embracing all of the territory within said boundaries, and the polling places therein, hereinafter designated and described, are the places within the boundaries of said proposed district and said precincts where

thence Northerly, Westerly, and Southerly following the Eastern, Northern, and Western lines of said lands of Santos to the Southwest corner thereof on the Southerly boundary of said Ex-Mission Survey 78; thence Westerly along said Southerly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 78 to the Southwest corner of the lands of William Barry; thence Northerly along the Westerly line of said lands of Barry to the Northwest corner thereof on the Southerly line of the County Road leading from Centerville to Niles; thence Easterly along the Southerly line of said road to the Westerly line of a tract of land containing 138 acres owned by James Shinn; thence Northerly along the Westerly line of said lands of Shinn to the center of Alameda Creek; thence in a general Westerly direction along the center of Alameda Creek to the point of beginning.

Precinct No. 4.

Precinct No. 4 shall consist of that portion of Washington Township bounded as follows, towit:—

Beginning at the point of intersection of the Westerly boundary line of Alameda County with the line dividing the North half from the South half of Section 17, Township 5 South, Range 2 West, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, and running thence along a straight line drawn between said point of beginning and the Northwest corner of Section 5, said township and range, to the center of Beard Creek; thence Northeasterly in a general direction along the center of Beard Creek to the Northwesterly line of County Road No. 520 (known as the Bell Ranch Road); thence Northeasterly along the Northwesterly line of said Bell Ranch Road to the Northeasterly line of the lands of the Estate of George W. Patterson on the Southeasterly side of said Bell Ranch Road; thence Southeasterly and Southwesterly along said Northeasterly and along the Southeasterly line of the said lands of the Estate of George W. Patterson to the most Northerly corner of the lands of Mrs. M. Wales, said lands being Survey 122 of the Ex-Mission San Jose; thence Southeasterly along the Northeasterly line of said lands of Wales to the East corner thereof; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Surveys 122 and 123 to the Westerly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 121; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of Ex-Mission Survey 121 to the Easterly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 120; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Survey 120 to the Westerly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 119; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of Ex-Mission Survey 119 to the Westerly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 118; thence Northeasterly along the Northwesterly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 118 to the Northerly corner of said Ex-Mission Survey 118; thence Southeasterly in a direct line to the Southerly corner of the lands of M. A. Eggers; thence Northeasterly along the Southeasterly line of said lands of Eggers to a point due Northwest of the Northerly corner of the lands of F. W. Blacow; thence due Southeast to said Northerly corner of the lands of Blacow; thence Southwesterly along the Northwesterly line of Ex-Mission Surveys 154, 155, and 150 to the most Westerly corner of said Survey 150; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 150 to the most Northerly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 149; thence Southwesterly, Southeasterly and Southerly along the Northwesterly and Southwesterly lines of Ex-Mission Surveys 149, 145, 144, and 143 to the most Westerly corner of said Ex-Mission Survey 143; thence due South to the Northerly line of Tideland Survey No. 105, Alameda County, California, Surveys; thence Westerly and Northerly along the Northerly and Easterly boundary lines of said Tide Land Survey No. 105 to the Northwest corner of Swamp and Overflowed Land Survey No. 92; thence North 9° 56′ West 40.60 chains; thence East 10 chains; thence North 40 chains to the quarter corner in the center of Section 14, said Township and Range; thence along the Northerly line of Tide Land Survey No. 103 North 71° 34′ West 126.50 chains, South 76° West 82.67 chains, and South 71° West 27.28 chains; thence leaving the Northerly line of said Tide Land Survey No. 103 South 13° 30′ West 14.205 chains to a point on the Southern boundary of said Tide Land Survey No. 103; thence North 76° 30′ West 11.363 chains to the quarter section corner in the center of Section 17, aforesaid township and range; thence Westerly along the line dividing the North half from the South half of said Section 17 to the point of beginning.

Precinct No. 5.

Precinct No. 5 shall consist of that portion of Washington Township bounded as follows, to-wit:—

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of the main County Road leading from Niles to Mission San Jose with a direct production Northeasterly of the center line of County Road No. 1008, and running thence Northwesterly along a straight line drawn between said point of beginning and the most Southerly corner of Survey 58 of the lands of the Ex-Mission San Jose to the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Survey 61; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Surveys 61, 62, and 63 to Station No. 5 of said Ex-Mission Survey 63; thence Southwesterly in a straight line to the Northwest corner of the lands formerly of M. B. Sturgess; thence Southeasterly along the Northeasterly line of said lands of Sturgess to the most Easterly corner thereof; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of said lands of Sturgess to the Southerly corner thereof on the Northerly line of Ex-Mission Survey 154; thence Northwesterly along the Northeasterly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 154 to the Northerly corner of said Ex-Mission Survey 154; thence Southwesterly along the Northwesterly line of Ex-Mission Surveys 154, 155, and 150 to the Westerly corner of said Ex-Mission Survey 150; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 150 to the most Northerly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 149; thence Southwesterly, Southeasterly and Southerly along the Northwesterly and Southwesterly lines of Ex-Mission Surveys 149, 145, 144, and 143 to the most Westerly corner of said Ex-Mission Survey 143; thence due South to the Northerly boundary line of Tide Land Survey No. 105; thence Easterly along the Northerly boundary line of said Tide Land Survey No. 105 to the Southerly boundary line of the County of Alameda; thence Easterly, Southeasterly and Northeasterly along said County line to the point of intersection thereof with the Westerly boundary line of the Rancho del Agua Caliente; thence in a general Northwesterly, Northerly, and Easterly direction along said boundary line of said Rancho del Agua Caliente to the point of intersection thereof with the Easterly boundary line of the right of way of the Central Pacific Railway running from Irvington to San Jose; thence Northerly in a straight line to an angle point in the center line of County Road No. 2548, as the survey of said road is recorded in the office of the Surveyor of Alameda County, California, and dated December 2, 1889, said point being at the Southerly end of the course noted as South 24½° East 108.80 chains in the notes of said survey; thence Northerly along the center line of said County Road No. 2548 as described in said notes, to the Easterly boundary line of the right of way of the Central Pacific Railway at Irvington; thence Northerly along said Easterly boundary line of the Central Pacific Railway right of way and its direct production Northerly to the center line of County Road No. 398; thence Easterly along the center line of County Road No. 398 to the point of intersection thereof with a direct production Southerly of the center line of County Road No. 1008; thence Northerly and Northeasterly along last said production and along the center line of said County Road No. 1008 and along a direct production Northeasterly thereof to the point of beginning.

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PRECINCT NO. 2.
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Inspector, Joe H. Smith
Judge, Harry C. Searles
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PRECINCT NO. 3.
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Inspector, Geo. Joseph
Judge, Frank Marshall
Clerks, Alice B. Dias and Mary C. Allen

PRECINCT NO. 4.
Polling Place Watkins Hall, Newark.
Inspector, Louis B. Rose
Judge, Frank H. Sayles
Clerks, F. R. Silva and Fred A. Moses.

PRECINCT NO. 5.
Polling Place Maple Hall, Irvington.
Inspector, Thomas Tierney
Judge, Joseph Leal,
Clerks, Mariana Horner and Pauline Mattos.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County.

JOHN P. COOK
(SEAL) Clerk of said Board,
By A. E. JOHNSTONE
Deputy.

Dated November 25th 1913.

Niles Notes

Mrs. K. Robinson (nee Melvina Charx) is reported as greatly improved this week and out of danger, we are very glad to say.

Mrs. Belle Abernethy went to Oakland on Wednesday to spend the Christmas holiday with her sister, Miss May Jenkins, at the Carlton Hotel, Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Sneden spent the holiday this week with Mrs. Sneden's sister, Mrs. R. H. Kelly of San Francisco, where a family reunion was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mosher and children of Oakland came up for the Christmas tree on Wednesday evening and the family Christmas dinner on Xmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Hunt.

On Christmas day Mrs. Harry Green entertained the members of the Mrs. E. B. Tyson family, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Meyer and the relatives from Newark and Berkeley, including the members of the Smith family. A merry family party gathered around the Christmas dinner table.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Walpert and little daughter, May, spent several days this week, including Christmas, with the family relatives in Hayward.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Joliffe and children went to Milpitas to spend Christmas with Mrs. Joliffe's sister, Mrs. Zanker.

Mrs. Olive Bonner gathered her children and grandchildren about her for the Christmas dinner. The family circle included the members of the Ira Bonner and W. H. Tyson families of Niles and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bonner of San Francisco.

Hotel Belvoir served a fine roast turkey dinner to many guests. The Misses Edna, Helen and Marie Sharpe were up from Oakland for the day.

A family gathering enjoyed the Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. L. E. Shinn. Miss Ruth Shinn came from North Fork to spend the holiday vacation at the home of her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakeshott and three sons went to Piedmont to spend Christmas with the family of Mrs. Oakeshott's sister, Mrs. P. F. Howard.

Much rain has fallen during the week and cloudy skies have prevailed, making warm fires necessary to comfort.

Mr. P. A. Ellis has accepted a position as traveling salesman for an Eastern jewelry firm. The family will probably leave Niles some time in January to make their home in Oakland or San Jose.

Snow covered Mission Peak on Saturday afternoon last and during the night. The fierce gale that blew down from its icy surface made Saturday night the coldest of the season.

The children of the Congregational Church Sunday school, with their parents and young friends, gathered in the gymnasium of the church on Tuesday evening for the enjoyment of the Christmas tree. There was a good attendance of little folks and grown ups. Every child present received a bag of candy, and each of the Sunday school children a gift besides of a book or game or something suitable. A program of songs and recitations by the Sunday school children was given before Santa Claus distributed the gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Button and Mr. and Mrs. Newman spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hudson.

Mrs. R. L. Chase left for Denair Sunday for the holidays.

Miss Ila Sharman of Richmond, niece of Mrs. R. L. Chandler, is spending the holidays with her aunt and uncle.

Misses Genevieve and Gertrude Chandler of Alameda spent Christmas with their uncle and aunt in Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Decker spent Christmas in Oakland.

Manuel Frates is now warehouseman for the S. C. Co.

Dean Presto and mother were in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Ben Tyson and daughter, Miss Edna, spent Saturday in the city.

Miss Molly Meyer yas a visitor in the city on Friday of last week.

Ms. J. A. Easterday and daughter, Mrs. Geo. Rose, were in San Francisco on Monday.

Mrs. Bland of San Jose called on Mrs. Babb in Niles this week.

Mrs. M. L. Fournier is spending the holidays with her parents at their home in Sutter Creek.

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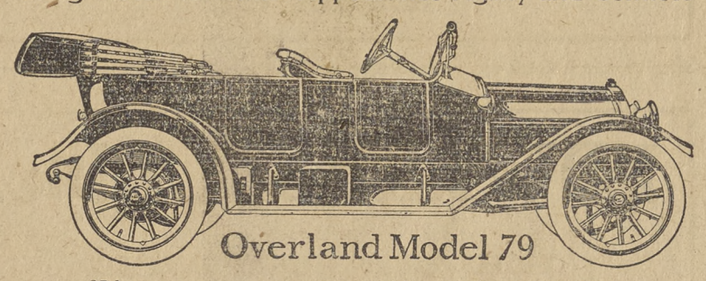

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Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ingram and Raymond and Wendell Ingram of Oakland and Mrs. Edna Cutler and daughter Miss Georgia Cutler of Palo Alto, and L. W. Cutler of San Francisco spent Christmas at the Durham home. Mrs. Cutler and Miss Georgia Cutler remained until Saturday.

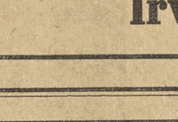
Mrs. M. C. Joseph is at O'Connor's sanitarium in San Jose where she has been for the past three weeks undergoing treatment.

Charley Benbow of Brentwood and Mr. and Mrs. Lester M. Tully of Los Banos were at the O. C. Benhow home over the Christmas holiday.

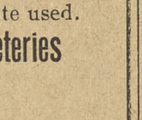
A. J. Chadourne enjoyed Christmas with relatives in Pleasanton.

Robin A, Shackle of San Francisco spent Christmas with Mr. anb Mrs. J. E. Wamsley.

BEAR KILLED IN NILES



NOT CONTENT with being a Mere Deer Hunter, D. B. Greenwood of the Interurban Laundry has the Honor of killing the first Black Bear in Niles for Many Years. Last Sunday, the Ferocious Creature had over fifty People terrorized at the Interurban Laundry and then along came Mr. Greenwood, alias Pajama Kid, alias Big Deer Hunter with his Mighty Pistol. He pulled the Trigger, there was a Loud Report, and the Bear fell and died.



Greenwood bought the Bear from the Essanay Co. last week and shipped it to the Spreckles Market in the city Monday morning. He is to receive back the skin which he expects to send to send east as a present to his mother,

Centerville

In accordance with the custom observed in Catholic Churches the last day of the thirty day period of mourning for their departed rector was duly observed in the Centerville Catholic Church last Tuesday morning by a requiem high mass for the repose as a servant of God.

The Christmas exercises of St. James Sunday School proved a very delightful occasion. A contata entitled "The Spirit of Christmas" was presented by the young people in a most pleasing manner. The entertainment was in charge of Rev. Higby and was a very creditable affair.

Father Battesti was in Oakland Wed. in attendance upon court in matters connected with the estate of the late Father Governo.

Mr. F. T. Hawes and son Ben and Mrs. Steeley and Fulton and Louise Steeley celebrated Christmas with the parents of Mr. ahd Mrs. B. F. Hawes of San Francisco.

James Montgomery and family of San Jose formerly old friends of the Fair family in Iowa were guests of the J. B. Fair family this week.

The Christmas tree of the Centerville Presbyterian Church will be held in the church next Saturday evening.

Newark.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Maffey and children spent the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Maffey's mother, Mrs. C. S. Haley. Mr. Maffey has resigned his position at at Mare Island navy yard and has gone into business for himself in San Francisco. Mrs. Maffey and children will spend a couple of months with her mother.

Mr. Arthur Haley has been recently elected Grand Master of the Masonic lodge of Centerville. This is an exceptional honor for so young a man, but Mr. Haley is a young man of fine character and well deserves it. Mr. Caleb Haley, his father, was one of the most active and devoted members of the same lodge during his lifetime and held the same position his son now holds.

Mr. Charles Haley writes of his pleasant journey into the interior of Colombia in South America, where he went to report upon certain mines in the employ of an English company. He expects to be back in New York some time in April or May on his return trip.

On last Monday evening the Sabbath School of the Newark Presbyterian Church gave a very enjoyable Christmas ehtertainment. Despite the rain the church was well filled. All the exercises were especially appropriate to the occassion and were well rendered, but as is usually the case the smaller children were recelved with greater enthusiasm. The children here are being taught to give for varions worthy objects, and no presents were given them except a bag of candy each.

An interesting feature of the occasion was the presentation of a beautiful silk flag to the Sunday school by the relief corp of Soyon Post. G. A. R. of Oakland. The presentation was made in a very pleasant address by Mrs. M. K. Walker, a member of the corps. The flag was accepted with thanks by Miss Floribel C. Brown, Superintendent of the School, and by Rev. Curry, who is a member of Lyon Post, made a short patriotic response of acceptance.

The exercises were closed by the audience joining in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love."

All agreed that the entertainment was a very pleasant one.

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Niles Notes

Mrs. W. Phillips has been lying very ill ih her new home in Niles Glen this week.

Mrs. A. Iverson and Mr. Hans Korven of San Francisco spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Melaas in Niles Glen.

This is Easier

"Why does a lady's hat resemble a church steeple?"

Answers received by mail only up till Wednesday, Dec. 31st.

For the first three correct answers opened will be—1st, ladies filled collar or bar pin; 2nd ,one gold stone watch charm; 3rd, one string coral neck beads.

Prizes for last week's riddle were won by Miss Nellie Jesson of Niles, Miss Winnie Whitfield of Missiou San Jose and Mr. John Curry of Newark,

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